

*Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor*

Whereas, Anja Hoekman was born in Amsterdam, came to the United States, and lived in Chicago, Illinois, and,

Whereas, Anja was instrumental in securing \$55,000 in grants to enrich curriculum and lend support to teachers and students in the field of education; and,

Whereas, Anja has always placed a high value on children, their education, and the individuals that provide their education by always keeping children at the center of all she does; and,

Whereas, Anja has served her community well through the involvement in numerous educational organizations, as a presenter at various educational conferences, and in various capacities as an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Sioux Falls; and,

Whereas, Anja has received prestigious awards from national and state organizations that recognized her exemplary performance as a principal, but the most gratifying reward comes from the hundreds of students she knows by name; and,

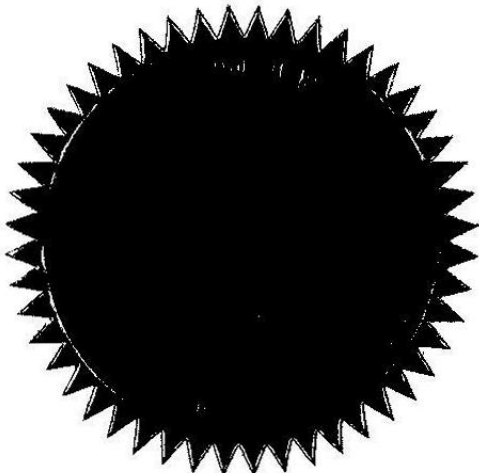
Whereas, Anja had the ability to remain focused on her own family at the same time she served others, and always faced personal challenges with grace, courage, and dignity; and,

Whereas, Anja will retire from her current position as All-City/Garfield Principal after 35 years of dedicated service in education on May 20, 2003:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with Anja's family, friends, and co-workers to wish her a fulfilling and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Ch. Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State